

Board of Health Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 11, 2004
4:30 pm
1st Floor Conference Center
Senior Center

*Board Members in Attendance: Dr. Carole Allen (Chair), Mr. Gregory Leonardos,
Mark Fingerle*

Staff in Attendance: Christine Connolly, (Director of Public Health), Joseph Carabello (Health Compliance Officer)

- I. Minutes of July 14, 2004 meeting were accepted as written.
- II. A Public Hearing continuing the history of violations at 60 Bow Street was attended by John Maher, Legal Counsel, and two neighbors of the 60 Bow Street property. Christine Connolly reported that following an inspection earlier in the day, there had been significant improvement on the property. Notice was given to the owner that unless the property is completely free of debris by noon, Monday, August 16, a citation will be issued citing Massachusetts General Law Chapter 111 Section 122 and following a 2-week notice either the Town or an outside contractor may enter the property for abatement. All in favor.
- III. After an Inspection at Friendly's Restaurant on Monday, August 9, 2004, several violations were reported by the Inspector and an inspection report was immediately issued to the management at Friendly's listing the following critical items: raw foods stored above ready to eat foods, dishwasher not working properly, staff unable to properly wash hands. As a result of the inspection, Ken Green, Vice-President of Operations, immediately closed the restaurant for a minimum of seven days, in order to renovate and re-organize the entire restaurant; starting from the back to the front of the building. Also in attendance were Steve Scribner, VP of training, Kerry Janke, Regional VP, Mark Ware, District Manager, Greg Pastore, VP of Employee Relations, David, Friendly's Arlington General Manager. Also in attendance was Dr. Zadeh, President of Lappuck Laboratory as a consultant to Friendly's. Dr. Zadeh stated the restaurant will be closed as long as needed in order to bring the restaurant up to code. He stated the company is focusing on food safety and is very serious about getting the message to the managers. The Board after careful consideration and full commitment from those in attendance, agreed to allow them to re-open with the following stipulations: prior to re-opening, a consultation with Christine Connolly is necessary, and for one full year, there will be a stringent monthly inspection at a cost of \$100 per month. A vote was taken that the violations have been duly noted and in light of the company's willingness to close down for complete renovations.
- IV. Christine Connelly met with Town Manager, Brian Sullivan, and found him to be very accessible and willing to work with the department to institute new programs to address inspections of the restaurants. The demand for various inspections, permits, and re-inspections has increased dramatically. Restaurant inspections should be the top priority and the following increases in restaurant permit fees are recommended:

Category 1	\$65
Category 2	\$130
Category 3	\$195
Category 4	\$260

Each restaurant in town will be assigned a category based on risk. Restaurants with major food preparation requirements will be in the highest category and will receive four inspections per year and restaurants with little to no food preparation will be in the lowest category and will receive one inspection per year. This will allow inspectors to focus on establishments with higher risk.

- V. Appleton Street Richard Duffy requested action be taken to remove three junk cars on Appleton St after noticing the turn signals blinking on one and found a 3-yr old sitting in the auto unattended. Board Members agreed this is a health hazard, but for other junk cars in yards, it is a matter for the Police.

- VI. The Board Members and Christine Connolly thanked Board Member Mark Fingerle for his years of service and sincere dedication he has given to the Board. Mark is moving to Concord, and the Board wished him well.

The next Board Meeting will be held on September 29 at 3:30 pm at the Senior Center.

Meeting adjourned.